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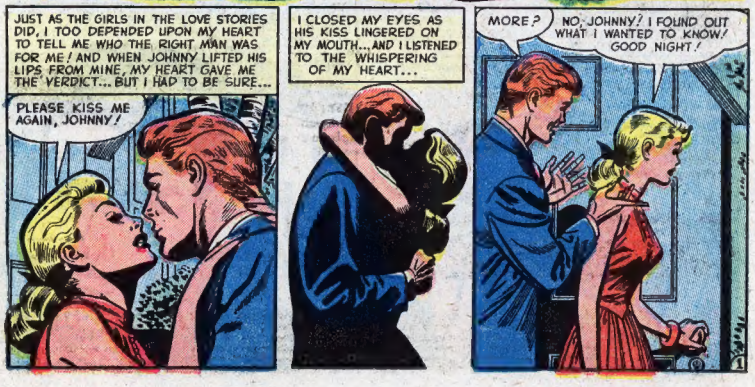
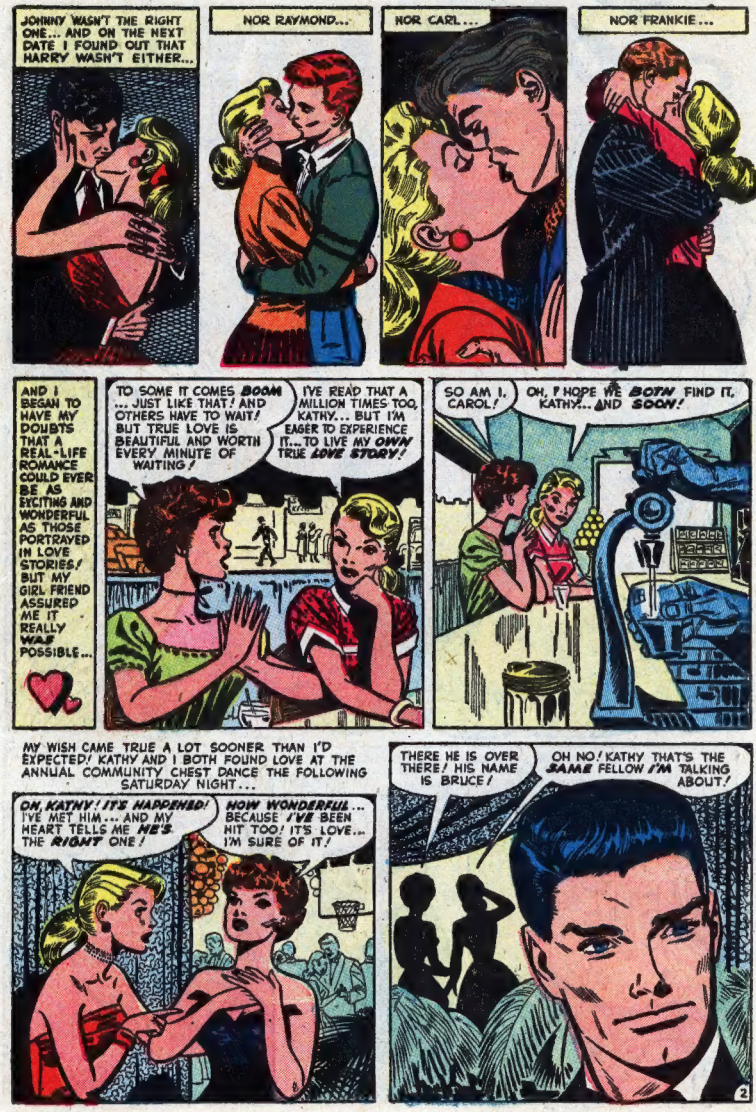

JUST AS THE GIRLS IN THE LOVE STORIES DID, I TOO DEPENDED UPON MY HEART TO TELL ME WHO THE RIGHT MAN WAS FOR ME! AND WHEN JOHNNY LIFTED HIS LIPS FROM MINE, MY HEART GAVE ME THE VERDICT... BUT I HAD TO BE SURE...
PLEASE KISS ME AGAIN, JOHNNY!
I CLOSED MY EYES AS HIS KISS LINGERED ON MY MOUTH... AND I LISTENED TO THE WHISPERING OF MY HEART...
MORE?
NO, JOHNNY! I FOUND OUT WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW! GOOD NIGHT!


JOHNNY WASN'T THE RIGHT ONE... AND ON THE NEXT DATE I FOUND OUT THAT HARRY WASN'T EITHER...
NOR RAYMOND...
NOR CARL...
NOR FRANKIE...
AND I BEGAN TO HAVE MY DOUBTS THAT A REAL-LIFE ROMANCE COULD EVER BE AS EXCITING AND WONDERFUL AS THOSE PORTRAYED IN LOVE STORIES! BUT MY GIRL FRIEND ASSURED ME IT REALLY WAS POSSIBLE...
TO SOME IT COMES BOOM ... JUST LIKE THAT! AND OTHERS HAVE TO WAIT! BUT TRUE LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL AND WORTH EVERY MINUTE OF WAITING!
I'VE READ THAT A MILLION TIMES TOO, KATHY... BUT I'M EAGER TO EXPERIENCE IT...TO LIVE MY OWN TRUE LOVE STORY!
SO AM I, CAROL!
OH, I HOPE WE BOTH FIND IT, KATHY... AND SOON!
MY WISH CAME TRUE A LOT SOONER THAN I'D EXPECTED! KATHY AND I BOTH FOUND LOVE AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHEST DANCE THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY NIGHT...
OH, KATHY! IT'S HAPPENED! I'VE MET HIM... AND MY HEART TELLS ME HE'S THE RIGHT ONE!
HOW WONDERFUL... BECAUSE I'VE BEEN HIT TOO! IT'S LOVE... I'M SURE OF IT!
THERE HE IS OVER THERE! HIS NAME IS BRUCE!
OH NO! KATHY THAT'S THE SAME FELLOW I'M TALKING ABOUT!
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KATHY AND I STOOD THERE STARING AT EACH OTHER...NOT KNOWING WHETHER TO LAUGH OR CRY! BUT IF KATHY FELT DEEP INSIDE THE WAY I DID, THEN I KNEW SHE WAS CONFUSED AND MISERABLE! AND WE DIDN'T SPEAK UNTIL THE SHOCK BEGAN TO THAW OUT...

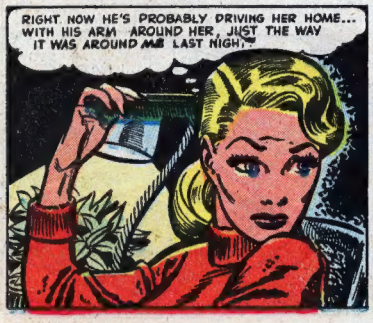
KATHY...WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO US? WHY DID WE HAVE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THE SAME MAN?
I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY LOVE WORKS! BUT I DO KNOW THAT SOONER OR LATER, ONE OF US IS GOING TO GET HURT!

I DIDN'T WANT TO BE THAT ONE...NOR DID I WANT KATHY TO BE HURT! SO ON MY FIRST DATE WITH BRUCE, I FOUND MYSELF HOPING MY HEART WAS WRONG ABOUT HIM...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AND KATHY WERE PALS, CAROL... BUT IF SHE'S ANYTHING LIKE YOU, I KNOW I'LL HAVE FUN ON MY DATE WITH HER TOMORROW!
SHE'S A FINE GIRL, BRUCE... I'M SURE YOU'LL MORE THAN JUST LIKE HER!

BUT WHATEVER FOOLISH HOPES I POSSESSED ABOUT MY HEART BEING WRONG, WERE CRUSHED WHEN BRUCE'S LIPS PRESSED MINE IN THAT THRILLING GOOD-NIGHT KISS...

WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, I WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM! AND THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS FILLED WITH TORTURE AS I SAT HOME AND IMAGINED HIS DATE WITH KATHY THAT EVENING...



I AGONIZED MYSELF WITH MY THOUGHTS RIGHT UP TO THE GOOD-NIGHT KISS... AND ALL MY TEARS COULDN'T WASH AWAY THE VISION I'D CREATED OF BRUCE EMBRACING KATHY...

BUT THAT HOPE EXPLODED THE NEXT DAY WHEN KATHY TOLD ME HOW MUCH BRUCE'S GOOD-NIGHT KISS MEANT TO HER...

FOR YOUR SAKE AND MINE, CAROL, ALL THRU THE DATE LAST NIGHT I HOPED I WAS WRONG! BUT WHEN HE TOOK ME INTO HIS ARMS...

I KNOW, KATHY... I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!

WE BOTH LOVED HIM... AND NEITHER OF US WOULD GIVE HIM UP! SO, AS THE WEEKS PASSED, I ACCEPTED EVERY DATE BRUCE OFFERED ME...

AND KATHY DID THE SAME... AND I ADMIT I WAS JEALOUS OF EVERY KISS SHE GOT...

WE KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER BRUCE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE! AND WHEN THE TIME CAME, KATHY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT FIRST AND CALLED ME...

NO, KATHY! BRUCE HASN'T PHONED ME ABOUT IT! BUT CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHAT HE SAID?

I'D RATHER NOT! YOU'LL HEAR IT FROM BRUCE WHEN HE COMES OVER FOR YOUR DATE TONIGHT!

BUTTERFLIES FLUTTERED IN MY STOMACH ALL THE REST OF THAT SUNDAY... UNTIL BRUCE ARRIVED! THEN I HELD MY BREATH AS HE TOLD ME OF MY DECISION...

IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO MAKE UP MY MIND, BECAUSE YOU AND KATHY ARE BOTH SUCH FINE GIRLS! I WISH I WERE TWINS SO I COULD MARRY *BOTH* OF YOU! BUT I'M NOT... SO I TOLD KATHY I WOULDN'T DATE HER ANY MORE!

OH, BRUCE, YOU MEAN...?

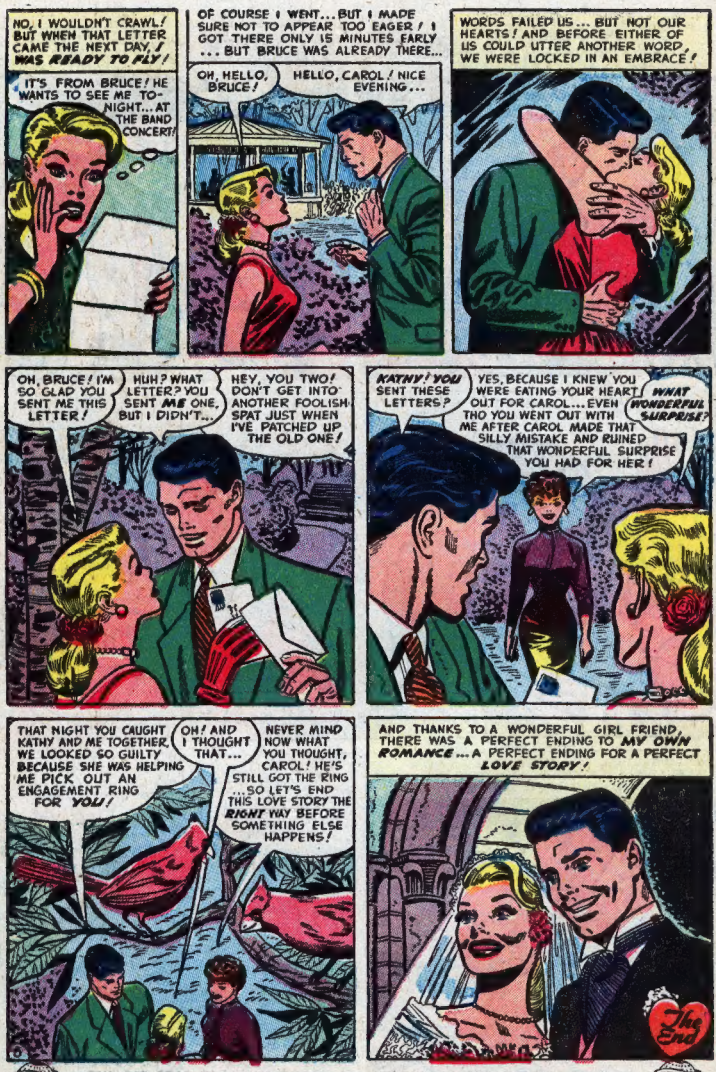
HE ANSWERED ME IN THE WAY A GIRL IN LOVE WANTS TO BE TOLD!

I WAS HAPPY FOR MYSELF... AND UNHAPPY FOR KATHY! BUT ALL I COULD DO FOR HER WAS PRAY THAT SHE WOULD SOMEDAY FIND THE JOY OF TRUE LOVE THE WAY I'D FOUND IT WITH BRUCE! AT LAST I WAS LIVING MY OWN ***LOVE STORY***...

AS THE BLISSFUL MONTHS FLEW BY I WAS SURE MY LOVE STORY WOULD BE SPARED THE TEARS WHICH ARE SHED IN EVERY ROMANCE BOOK STORY! BUT ONE EVENING AFTER BRUCE CALLED OFF OUR DATE, I FOUND OUT HOW WRONG I WAS...

THAT... THAT'S BRUCE... AND HE'S WITH ***KATHY!***

I WATCHED THEM AS THEY PULLED UP AND GOT OUT OF THE CAR A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY... AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES WHEN I WALKED UP!
CAROL!
OH, MY... SHE CAUGHT US!
Gemcraft RINGS
ARTINE JEWELRY
HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO BEEN SNEAKING OUT TOGETHER BEHIND MY BACK?
CAROL! THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO KATHY!
SHE'S A SNEAK... AND SO ARE YOU! I NEVER WANT TO SEE EITHER OF YOU AGAIN!
IN SPITE OF WHAT I'D SAID AND DONE, I EXPECTED BRUCE TO CALL AND EXPLAIN ... BUT HE DIDN'T... AND I WAS CONVINCED HE NEVER REALLY LOVED ME!
AND THIS PROVES IT! INSTEAD OF COMING TO ME AND APOLOGIZING, HE SPENDS ALL HIS TIME WITH KATHY! HE'S TAKEN HER OUT EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK!
SELF-PITY LIKE A THOUSAND SABERS STABBED MY HEART AS I WATCHED BRUCE AND KATHY UNITE IN A KISS...
IF HE CAN FORGET ME SO SOON... THEN I CAN FORGET HIM THE SAME WAY... BY GOING OUT!
AND I DID GO OUT... AS MANY TIMES AS I WAS ASKED! AND I LET OTHER LIPS TAKE THE KISSES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN BRUCE'S...
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK! I WAS STILL IN LOVE WITH BRUCE AND MISERABLE WITHOUT HIM...
IF ONLY HE'D CALL AGAIN... I'D FORGIVE HIM! BUT I WON'T GO CRAWLING BACK... I WON'T.


NO, I WOULDN'T CRAWL! BUT WHEN THAT LETTER CAME THE NEXT DAY, I WAS READY TO FLY!
IT'S FROM BRUCE! HE WANTS TO SEE ME TONIGHT... AT THE BAND CONCERT!
OF COURSE I WENT... BUT I MADE SURE NOT TO APPEAR TOO EAGER! I GOT THERE ONLY 15 MINUTES EARLY ... BUT BRUCE WAS ALREADY THERE...
OH, HELLO, BRUCE!
HELLO, CAROL! NICE EVENING...
WORDS FAILED US... BUT NOT OUR HEARTS! AND BEFORE EITHER OF US COULD UTTER ANOTHER WORD, WE WERE LOCKED IN AN EMBRACE!
OH, BRUCE! I'M SO GLAD YOU SENT ME THIS LETTER!
HUH? WHAT LETTER? YOU SENT ME ONE, BUT I DIDN'T...
HEY, YOU TWO! DON'T GET INTO ANOTHER FOOLISH SPAT JUST WHEN I'VE PATCHED UP THE OLD ONE!
KATHY! YOU SENT THESE LETTERS?
YES, BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WERE EATING YOUR HEART OUT FOR CAROL... EVEN THO YOU WENT OUT WITH ME AFTER CAROL MADE THAT SILLY MISTAKE AND RUINED THAT WONDERFUL SURPRISE YOU HAD FOR HER!
WHAT WONDERFUL SURPRISE?
THAT NIGHT YOU CAUGHT KATHY AND ME TOGETHER, WE LOOKED SO GUILTY BECAUSE SHE WAS HELPING ME PICK OUT AN ENGAGEMENT RING FOR YOU!
OH! AND I THOUGHT THAT...
NEVER MIND NOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT, CAROL! HE'S STILL GOT THE RING ...SO LET'S END THIS LOVE STORY THE RIGHT WAY BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENS!
AND THANKS TO A WONDERFUL GIRL FRIEND, THERE WAS A PERFECT ENDING TO MY OWN ROMANCE... A PERFECT ENDING FOR A PERFECT LOVE STORY!
The End

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FOR THE BEST IN ROMANCE LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!
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SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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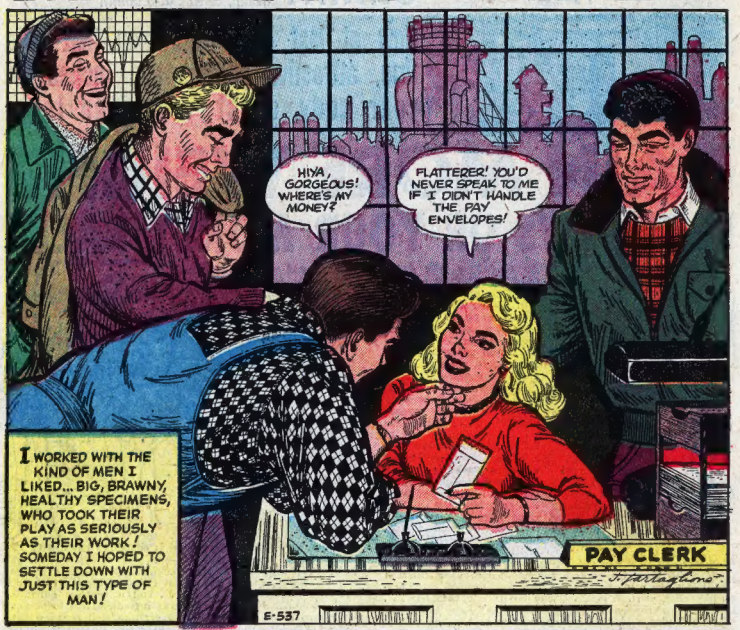
HIYA, GORGEOUS! WHERE'S MY MONEY?
FLATTERER! YOU'D NEVER SPEAK TO ME IF I DIDN'T HANDLE THE PAY ENVELOPES!
I WORKED WITH THE KIND OF MEN I LIKED... BIG, BRAWNY, HEALTHY SPECIMENS, WHO TOOK THEIR PLAY AS SERIOUSLY AS THEIR WORK! SOMEDAY I HOPED TO SETTLE DOWN WITH JUST THIS TYPE OF MAN!
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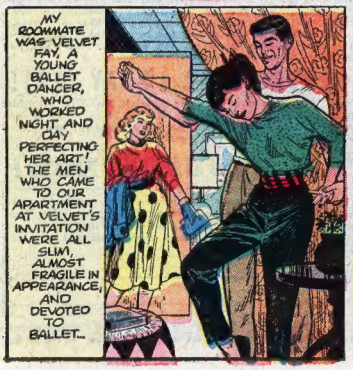
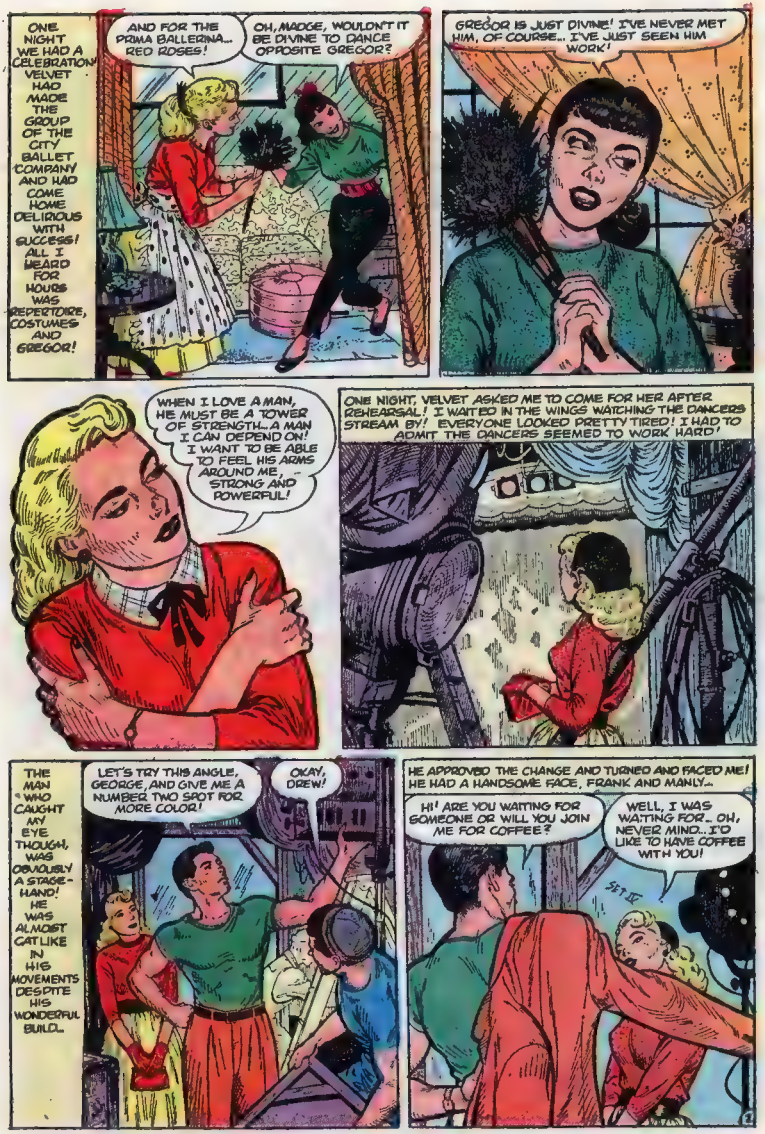

MY ROOMMATE WAS VELVET FAY, A YOUNG BALLET DANCER, WHO WORKED NIGHT AND DAY PERFECTING HER ART! THE MEN WHO CAME TO OUR APARTMENT AT VELVET'S INVITATION WERE ALL SLIM, ALMOST FRAGILE IN APPEARANCE, AND DEVOTED TO BALLET...

VELVET AND I AGREED ON ALMOST EVERYTHING EXCEPT MEN! SHE TRIED TO DEFEND HER MALE DANCERS, BUT I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND HER ARGUMENTS...
SOME OF THOSE BRAWNY MEN YOU LIKE DON'T HAVE HALF THE STRENGTH OF A MALE DANCER! DANCERS HAVE TO RETAIN THEIR SHAPE! STOCKY MEN AREN'T NECESSARILY STRONG!
I SUPPOSE YOU THINK THAT FELLOW WHO WAS HERE! TONIGHT WOULD LOOK LIKE A MAN OUT ON A DATE!


ONE NIGHT WE HAD A CELEBRATION! VELVET HAD MADE THE GROUP OF THE CITY BALLET COMPANY AND HAD COME HOME DELIRIOUS WITH SUCCESS! ALL I HEARD FOR HOURS WAS REPERTOIRE, COSTUMES AND GREGOR!
AND FOR THE PRIMA BALLERINA... RED ROSES!
OH, MADGE, WOULDN'T IT BE DIVINE TO DANCE OPPOSITE GREGOR?
GREGOR IS JUST DIVINE! I'VE NEVER MET HIM, OF COURSE... I'VE JUST SEEN HIM WORK!
WHEN I LOVE A MAN, HE MUST BE A TOWER OF STRENGTH... A MAN I CAN DEPEND ON! I WANT TO BE ABLE TO FEEL HIS ARMS AROUND ME, - STRONG AND POWERFUL!
ONE NIGHT, VELVET ASKED ME TO COME FOR HER AFTER REHEARSAL! I WAITED IN THE WINGS WATCHING THE DANCERS STREAM BY! EVERYONE LOOKED PRETTY TIRED! I HAD TO ADMIT THE DANCERS SEEMED TO WORK HARD!
THE MAN WHO CAUGHT MY EYE THOUGH, WAS OBVIOUSLY A STAGE-HAND! HE WAS ALMOST CATLIKE IN HIS MOVEMENTS DESPITE HIS WONDERFUL BUILD...
LET'S TRY THIS ANGLE, GEORGE, AND GIVE ME A NUMBER TWO SPOT FOR MORE COLOR!
OKAY, DREW!
HE APPROVED THE CHANGE AND TURNED AND FACED ME! HE HAD A HANDSOME FACE, FRANK AND MANLY...
HI! ARE YOU WAITING FOR SOMEONE OR WILL YOU JOIN ME FOR COFFEE?
WELL, I WAS WAITING FOR... OH, NEVER MIND... I'D LIKE TO HAVE COFFEE WITH YOU!
SET IT!

DREW AND I ENJOYED EACH OTHER'S COMPANY RIGHT OFF! HE LISTENED WHILE I TOLD STORIES OF THE PRACTICAL JOKES THE FELLOWS AT THE MILL PLAYED ON EACH OTHER...
AND THEN WHAT DID THOSE BIG FOOLS DO BUT NAIL HIS WORK SHOES TO THE FLOOR!
YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF FUN AT THE PLACE YOU WORK!
THEY'RE A WONDERFUL GANG! BIG AND TOUGH, BUT WARM-HEARTED! MY FATHER WAS A RAILROAD ENGINEER! I THINK THAT'S WHY I FEEL SO AT EASE WITH YOU! STAGEHANDS ARE THE SAME KIND OF MEN!
I DON'T SEEM TO GET ON WITH VELVET'S DANCING FRIENDS! WE RARELY DOUBLE DATE BECAUSE OUR TASTES IN MEN ARE SO DIFFERENT!
I SEE!
I SAW DREW AGAIN ON SUNDAY! WE WENT ON A BEACH PICNIC... HE WAS A MARVELOUS SWIMMER AND HIS TAUT MUSCLES GLISTENED IN THE SUNLIGHT...
ONE EVENING AFTER REHEARSAL WE WENT FOR A FERRY RIDE! IT SEEMED THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD TO FIND MYSELF IN HIS ARMS...
ONE AFTERNOON WE WERE CAUGHT IN A CLOUDBURST! DREW INSISTED ON CARRYING ME UP THE STEPS! I'VE SEEN MEN DOING THAT IN PICTURES, BUT SURELY NONE OF THEM DID IT AS EASILY AND GRACEFULLY AS DREW!
THIS IS FUN!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THIS SCENE REPEATED AT OUR OWN DOORSTEP, DARLING?

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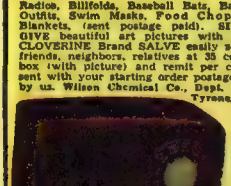

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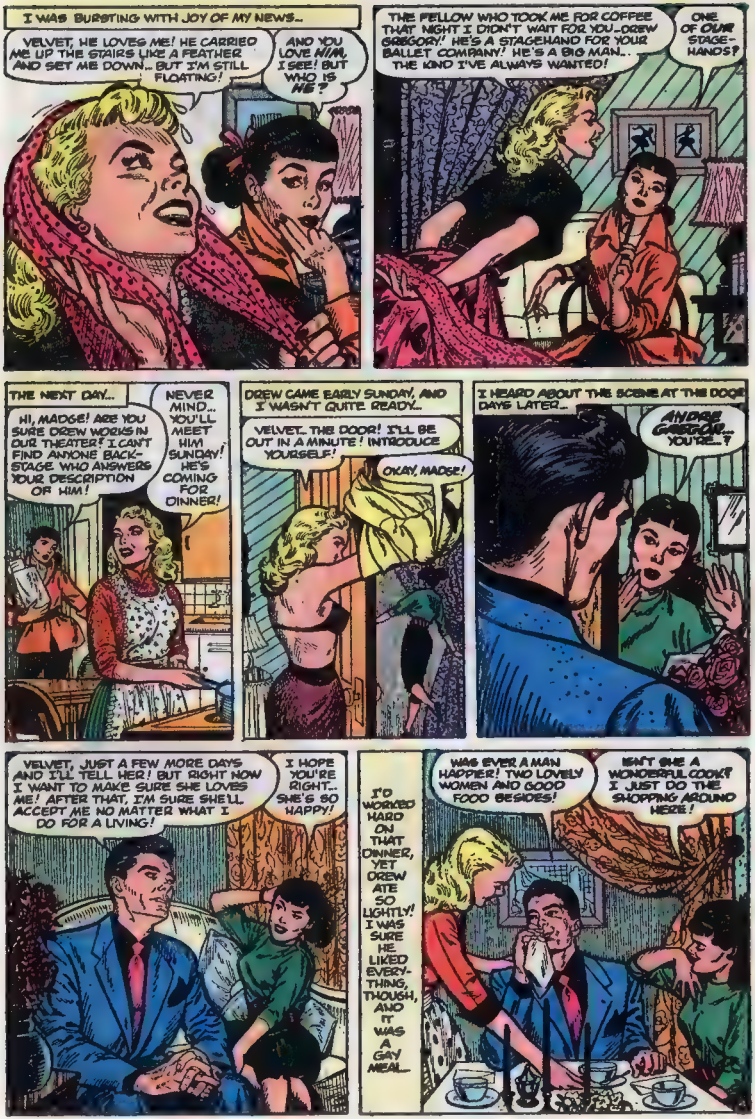
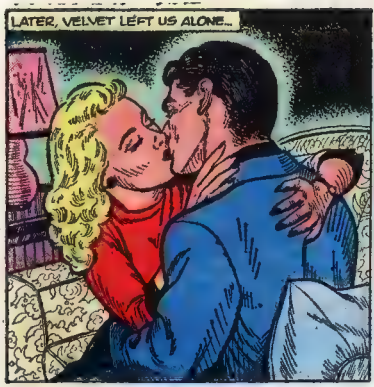
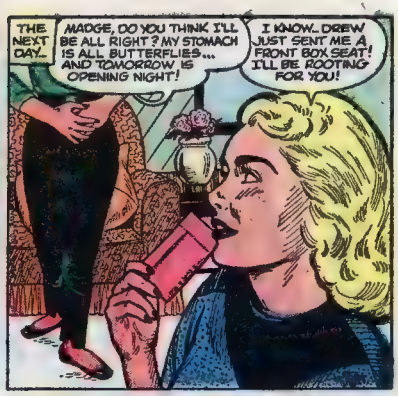
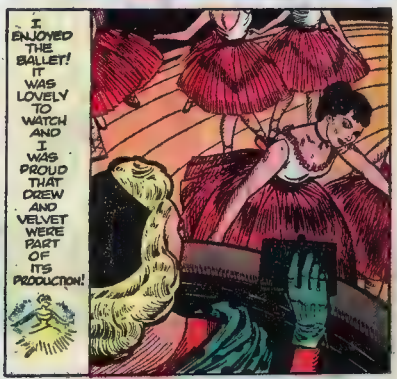

I WAS BURSTING WITH JOY OF MY NEWS..
VELVET, HE LOVES ME! HE CARRIED ME UP THE STAIRS LIKE A FEATHER AND SET ME DOWN... BUT I'M STILL FLOATING!
AND YOU LOVE HIM, I SEE! BUT WHO IS HE?
THE FELLOW WHO TOOK ME FOR COFFEE THAT NIGHT I DIDN'T WAIT FOR YOU--DREW GREGORY! HE'S A STAGEHAND FOR YOUR BALLET COMPANY! HE'S A BIG MAN... THE KIND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
ONE OF OUR STAGE-HANDS?
THE NEXT DAY...
HI, MADGE! ARE YOU SURE DREW WORKS IN OUR THEATER? I CAN'T FIND ANYONE BACK-STAGE WHO ANSWERS YOUR DESCRIPTION OF HIM!
NEVER MIND.. YOU'LL MEET HIM SUNDAY! HE'S COMING FOR DINNER!
DREW CAME EARLY SUNDAY, AND I WASN'T QUITE READY...
VELVET.. THE DOOR! I'LL BE OUT IN A MINUTE! INTRODUCE YOURSELF!
OKAY, MADGE!
I HEARD ABOUT THE SCENE AT THE DOOR DAYS LATER...
ANDRE GREGORY... YOU'RE...?
VELVET, JUST A FEW MORE DAYS AND I'LL TELL HER! BUT RIGHT NOW I WANT TO MAKE SURE SHE LOVES ME! AFTER THAT, I'M SURE SHE'LL ACCEPT ME NO MATTER WHAT I DO FOR A LIVING!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT... SHE'S SO HAPPY!
I'D WORKED HARD ON THAT DINNER, YET DREW ATE SO LIGHTLY! I WAS SURE HE LIKED EVERY-THING, THOUGH, AND IT WAS A GAY MEAL..
WAS EVER A MAN HAPPIER! TWO LOVELY WOMEN AND GOOD FOOD BESIDES!
ISN'T SHE A WONDERFUL COOK? I JUST DO THE SHOPPING AROUND HERE!

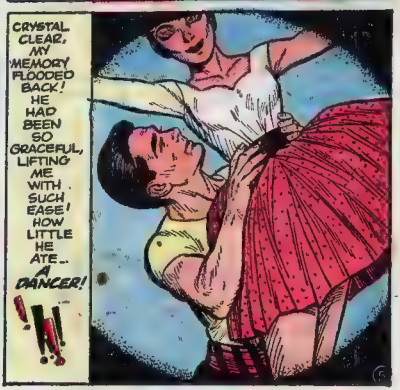

LATER, VELVET LEFT US ALONE...

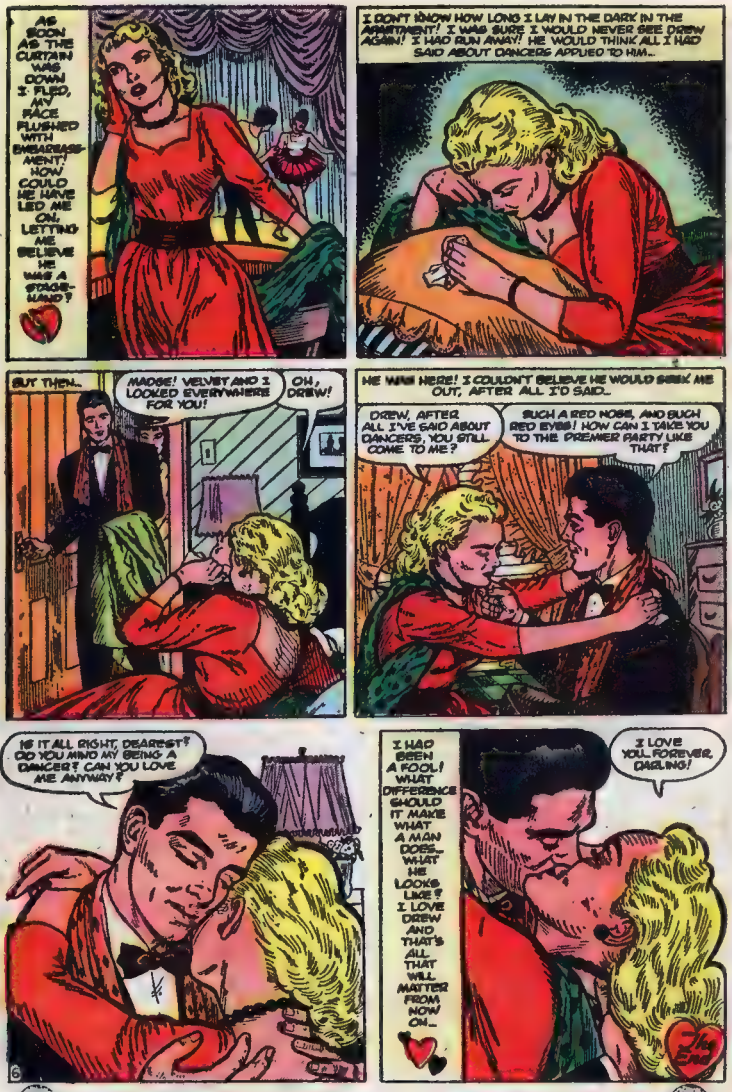

THE NEXT DAY...
MADGE, DO YOU THINK I'LL BE ALL RIGHT? MY STOMACH IS ALL BUTTERFLIES... AND TOMORROW IS OPENING NIGHT!
I KNOW... DREW JUST SENT ME A FRONT BOX SEAT! I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU!

I SENT VELVET FLOWERS! I PROMISED ON THE CARD TO EVEN WATCH FOR HER WONDERFUL GREGOR! I KNEW LATER WHY SHE READ IT WITH A SMILE...


I ENJOYED THE BALLET! IT WAS LOVELY TO WATCH AND I WAS PROUD THAT DREW AND VELVET WERE PART OF ITS PRODUCTION!

THE LAST NUMBER WAS TO FEATURE ANDRE GREGOR! WHEN THE CURTAIN ROSE, I SAT THERE STUNNED! THERE ON THE STAGE, RECEIVING THE APPLAUSE WAS DREW!


CRYSTAL CLEAR, MY MEMORY FLOODED BACK! HE HAD BEEN SO GRACEFUL, LIFTING ME WITH SUCH EASE! HOW LITTLE HE ATE... A DANCER!


AS SOON AS THE CURTAIN WAS DOWN I FLED, MY FACE FLUSHED WITH EMBARRASSMENT! HOW COULD HE HAVE LIED ME ON, LETTING ME BELIEVE HE WAS A STAGE-HAND?
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I LAY IN THE DARK IN THE APARTMENT! I WAS SURE I WOULD NEVER SEE DREW AGAIN! I HAD RUN AWAY! HE WOULD THINK ALL I HAD SAID ABOUT DANCERS APPLIED TO HIM...
BUT THEN...
MADGE! VELVET AND I LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!
OH, DREW!
HE WAS HERE! I COULDN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD SEEK ME OUT, AFTER ALL I'D SAID...
DREW, AFTER ALL I'VE SAID ABOUT DANCERS, YOU STILL COME TO ME?
SUCH A RED NOSE, AND SUCH RED EYES! HOW CAN I TAKE YOU TO THE PREMIER PARTY LIKE THAT?
IS IT ALL RIGHT, DEAREST? DO YOU MIND MY BEING A DANCER? CAN YOU LOVE ME ANYWAY?
I HAD BEEN A FOOL! WHAT DIFFERENCE SHOULD IT MAKE WHAT A MAN DOES... WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE? I LOVE DREW AND THAT'S ALL THAT WILL MATTER FROM NOW ON...
I LOVE YOU FOREVER, DARLING!
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You for Me

TO Peter Hillson I was always just eighteen and his mother's favorite weekend guest, but as long as he thought something about me I didn't mind. Then Rayetta Ashton arrived at Twin Oaks, and I discovered that Peter Hillson almost forgot me entirely.

None of the family was within sight or sound as I raced up the front path. The front door was locked and so I dropped my bags, went around to the rear, and leaned into the kitchen window.

"Hello, Mrs. Hillson. Aren't I just a little bit important?"

Her back was toward me but I could see that she was carving one of her wonderful hams. She continued to carve as she called, "Don't come through the window, use the kitchen door, and you can't stay for supper!" I was already opening the door as she turned and finished crisply, "There's not enough ham and we've a full house."

"But I'm such a tiny eater," I said as we threw our arms about one another.

"Jacqueline, sweetheart," she said, leading me to a seat. "Why didn't you say it was you? I thought it was the little girl down the road."

I patted her hand. "That ham was much more important than I."

"You're sweet, Jackie dear, but your face needs washing, so upstairs with you. And remember, there isn't any lock on the door, so keep splashing and singing."

Then I remembered to ask, "Where is everybody?"

"I can't account for everybody," she answered, "but Peter is just coming around that turn. So scoot!"

I was in the chorus of "It's a Grand Night for Singing" when Rayetta Ashton and I met. She was at the mirror putting stray hairs into place, and she paused long enough to say, "Hello there! I must apologize for the silence. I've simply exhausted my repertoire."

It was easy to see how she had captured Peter. I felt like collapsing into a heap and rolling to the nearest corner, but I was determined to fight. I loved Peter too much to fade in the middle of this newest competition he had created.

Her exquisite bearing emphasized the fact that she, too, was constantly aware of her qualities. She glanced at my image in the mirror with all the disdain of a Grecian goddess and said, "You must be Jacqueline Manning. Peter has spoken of you once or twice. I'm Rayetta Ashton, you know."

She turned from the mirror just as I reached for the towel. I hesitated a moment before her haughty smile. "No, I didn't know; you see, Peter hasn't spoken of you at all."

"You are cute, darling," she said, "and I'm sure you must have been a great help to Peter."

There was no reason to pretend to be happy about her presence, so I said, "I have tried to help him discriminate between good and bad, if that's what you mean, Miss Ashton."

She walked by me to the door, placed her right hand on the knob, and assumed a pose that disappeared with Lee's surrender at Appomattox. She smiled and sighed, "Well, Jacqueline, my love, you won't have to worry your bright little head about Peter any longer. Your brilliant problem child will be in Hollywood next week, because I've convinced my producer that his designing genius should be used on our newest picture."

The door closed behind her just as I threw a cake of soap in her direction. It thudded against the door and the sound snapped my composure. I was hurt, confused—and suddenly very lonely. I couldn't let Peter go this easily.

I powdered my face and sailed downstairs to find Peter before Rayetta could get to him. He was a brilliant stage designer and there were few finer minds than his in the theatre, but he was terribly naive and impressionable. I had to awaken Peter to what was actually happening: that Rayetta Ashton and her producer were exploiting his talents.

Rayetta was making the first of many wardrobe changes; so I found Peter alone, kneeling in front of the fireplace, arranging the wood for the evening fire.

"I always catch you," I said, "playing with fire."

He stood up, dusted off his hands on his trousers, and pushed back a blonde curl which hung over his forehead. I wanted to run to him and tell him that I loved him, that I wanted to take care of him and help him always.

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WHEN I ANSWERED RIP MASON'S AD IN THE "BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES" COLUMN FOR A PARTNER IN HIS PHOTOGRAPHY AGENCY, I WARNED MYSELF NOT TO TRUST THIS HANDSOME STRANGER TOO FAR... BUT I DID!

RUDE AWAKENING!

I HAVE SOME SAMPLES OF MY WORK, MR. MASON! I'M NOT TOO EXPERIENCED...

CALL ME RIP! AND AS FOR THE SAMPLES, FORGET THEM! I'LL BE FRANK! I DON'T NEED A PARTNER WHO IS A GOOD PHOTOGRAPHER! I NEED A PARTNER WITH *MOXEY!* YOU CAN TAKE IT FROM THERE!

AT FIRST I WAS DETERMINED TO WALK RIGHT OUT OF RIP'S SHABBY LITTLE STUDIO... BUT SOMETHING MADE ME STAY LONG ENOUGH TO LISTEN TO HIS STORY...

EVERYBODY IN THE BUSINESS KNOWS I'M GOOD! BUT WHEN A CLIENT STEPS INTO THIS PLACE... WELL, I JUST DON'T LOOK LIKE A SUCCESS! NOW WITH SOME SMART FURNITURE AND A FEW DRAPES, WE'D KNOCK 'EM DEAD!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!

I LOOKED AT RIP'S WORK! IT WAS BETTER THAN GOOD... IT WAS GREAT! SO WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD I SAT DOWN AND WROTE OUT A CHECK! IT WAS FOR ALMOST EVERY CENT I HAD...

YOU'VE GOT A PARTNER, RIP! BUT REMEMBER THIS IS STRICTLY BUSINESS... AND LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

YOUR WORD IS MY COMMAND, PARTNER!

FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, LIFE WAS A MAD WHIRL OF WORK...
NOW IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE SOMETHING AROUND HERE, JILL!
IT'S UP TO YOU, RIP! YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE YOUR CONTACTS PAY OFF!
I'M ON MY WAY! I KNOW MORE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN THAN THE MAYOR! I'M GOING OUT AND SCARE UP A FEW FAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MASON AGENCY! WISH ME LUCK!
I'LL KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED TILL YOU GET BACK!
RIP'S GOT TO COME THROUGH! HE WANTS SUCCESS SO BADLY! IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE MONEY I'VE INVESTED...IT'S RIP I'M WORRIED ABOUT!
RIP DIDN'T RETURN UNTIL LATE THAT EVENING...AND WHEN HE DID, I KNEW HE HAD FAILED...
GREET THE RETURNING HERO! "DON'T CALL US, WE'LL CALL YOU." WHAT'S HAPPENED TO EVERYBODY? EVEN MY OWN FRIENDS IN THE BUSINESS WON'T GIVE ME A BREAK!
EASY, RIP! IT'S ONLY THE FIRST TRY! YOUR CONTACTS WILL WORK OUT IN TIME!
YOU'RE GREAT, JILL, AND YOU'RE RIGHT, TOO! I HAVEN'T SEEN HALF THE PEOPLE I KNOW! THIS IS GOING TO WORK OUT...IT'S GOT TO!
THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE YOU, RIP!
BUT IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME STORY...
I THOUGHT I HAD A LIVE ONE TODAY, JILL, BUT I MISSED AT THE LAST MINUTE! ANOTHER AGENCY GOT THE ACCOUNT!
TOO BAD, AND I'VE GOT MORE BAD NEWS! THE BILLS ARE STARTING TO PILE UP...AND WE'RE ABOUT OUT OF MONEY!
WE'LL PULL OUT OF THIS! WE'VE JUST GOT TO HOLD ON FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS! I'VE DONE ALL THE GRADE-A WORK...WE'VE JUST GOT TO WAIT TILL SOMETHING BREAKS FOR US! CHIN UP!
I...OH, WHAT'S THE USE, RIP! WE'VE FLOPPED AND YOU KNOW IT!
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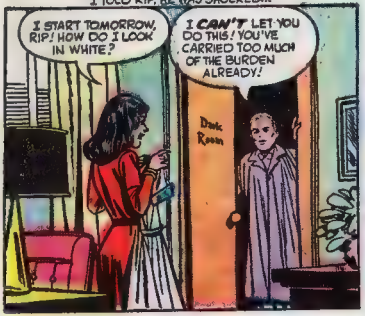
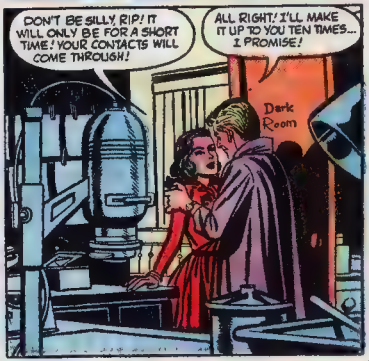
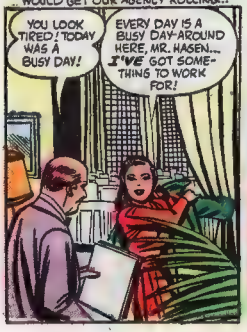
GO AHEAD, SAY IT! TELL ME IT'S ALL MY FAULT! TELL ME WE SHOULD'VE STARTED OUT SLOW INSTEAD OF PUTTING UP A BIG FRONT!
NO, RIP! I BELIEVE YOU! WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW!

THE NEXT DAY, I GOT A JOB AS A WAITRESS TO PAY THE BILLS FOR THE MASON PHOTOGRAPHY AGENCY! WHEN I TOLD RIP, HE WAS SHOCKED...

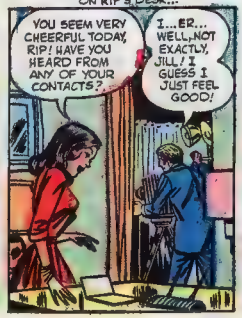



DON'T BE SILLY, RIP! IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A SHORT TIME! YOUR CONTACTS WILL COME THROUGH!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU TEN TIMES... I PROMISE!
Dark Room

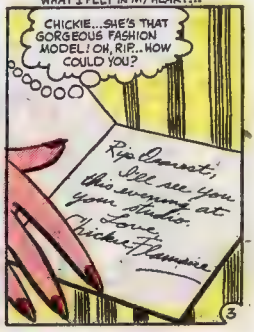
IT WASN'T EASY SLINGING HASH AND HOPING FOR THAT ONE BREAK THAT WOULD GET OUR AGENCY ROLLING...

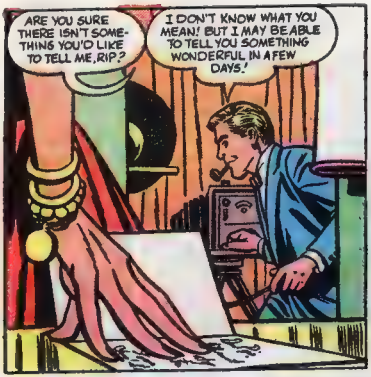


THEN ONE DAY, BEFORE I LEFT THE AGENCY TO REPORT FOR WORK AT THE RESTAURANT, I NOTICED A NOTE ON RIP'S DESK...


YOU SEEM VERY CHEERFUL TODAY, RIP! HAVE YOU HEARD FROM ANY OF YOUR CONTACTS?
I...ER... WELL, NOT EXACTLY, JILL! I GUESS I JUST FEEL GOOD!

RIP DIDN'T NOTICE AS I READ THE NOTE! THERE WAS NO MISTAKING WHAT I FELT IN MY HEART...


CHICKIE...SHE'S THAT GORGEOUS FASHION MODEL! OH, RIP... HOW COULD YOU?
Rip Darcourt, I'll see you this evening at your Studio. Love, Chickie Francine


ARE YOU SURE THERE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME, RIP?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! BUT I MAY BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING WONDERFUL IN A FEW DAYS!

I KNEW THEN THAT I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH RIP MASON! I TRIED TO KEEP BUSY THAT DAY, BUT MY MIND KEPT SLIPPING BACK TO RIP AND HIS SECRET MEETING WITH CHICKIE FLAMAIRE! I RAN FROM THE RESTAURANT EARLY...

I FELT GUILTY SPYING ON RIP, BUT MY LOVE FOR HIM FORCED ME TO RETURN TO THE STUDIO...

WHY COULDN'T HE HAVE BEEN HONEST? WHY DID HE HAVE TO TRICK ME... MAKE A FOOL OF ME? (SOB!) AND ALL THE TIME I THOUGHT HE CARED!
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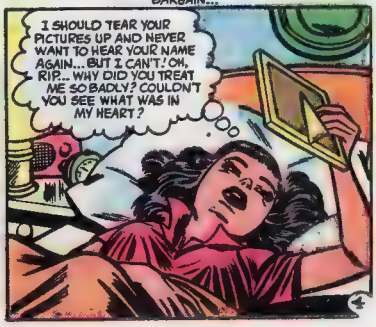
THAT NIGHT, I CAUGHT THE FIRST TRAIN FOR MY HOME TOWN...

I DIDN'T DARE TELL MY FOLKS WHAT A FOOL I'D BEEN... HOW I'D ENTRUSTED MY SAVINGS TO A VIRTUAL STRANGER ...AND FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM IN THE BARGAIN...


I SHOULD TEAR YOUR PICTURES UP AND NEVER WANT TO HEAR YOUR NAME AGAIN... BUT I CAN'T! OH, RIP... WHY DID YOU TREAT ME SO BADLY? COULDN'T YOU SEE WHAT WAS IN MY HEART?

I GOT A JOB IN AN OFFICE, AND AS THE WEEKS PASSED I TRIED DATING TO FORGET THE ACHE IN MY HEART...

NO, HARRY! PLEASE DON'T TRY TO KISS ME! TAKE ME HOME!

WHATEVER YOU SAY! I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU KIND OF LIKED ME! GUESS THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE!

THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE...RIP! AND NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WOULD SEE HIM KISSING CHICKIE FLAMAIRE IN MY IMAGINATION...

I CAN'T GET RIP OUT OF MY MIND! KISSING THAT GIRL... AND GIVING HER A WRIST WATCH... AND LAUGHING AT ME!

A MONTH PASSED AND WORD GOT AROUND THE OFFICE THAT I WASN'T THE-DATING KIND! SOMEHOW I DIDN'T MIND THE SNIDE REMARKS I OVERHEARD...

YOU'RE GOING TO ASK JILL FOR A DATE, FRED? DON'T BE SILLY! SHE NEVER GOES OUT WITH ANYBODY... STRICTLY THE OLD MAID TYPE!

THANKS FOR TIPPING ME OFF! I WON'T BOTHER!

THEN ONE DAY, AS I WAS BUSY TYPING UP A REPORT, THERE WAS A LOUD COMMOTION IN THE OUTER OFFICE...

I DON'T CARE IF SHE IS BUSY! I'VE GOT TO SEE HER NOW!

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE, SIR!

THAT VOICE! IT'S... NO, IT *CAN'T* BE!

JILL, DARLING, I THOUGHT I'D *NEVER* FIND YOU!

OH, RIP! I'VE MISSED YOU SO!

WHO DID YOU SAY WAS THE OLD MAID TYPE?

WHY DOESN'T THIS HAPPEN TO LITTLE *ME*?

I MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT A NOTE AND SEEING RIP KISSING CHICKIE! RIP SLAMMED A MAGAZINE DOWN ON MY DESK... AND AS I LOOKED AT THE FULL-PAGE WRIST WATCH AD, MY EYES FILLED WITH TEARS... TEARS OF HAPPINESS!

THAT NOTE YOU SAW WAS FROM CHICKIE SETTING A MODELING DATE! ONE OF MY CONTACTS CAME THRU... *BIG!* THE MALE MODEL DIDN'T SHOW UP SO I USED AN AUTOMATIC DEVICE TO TAKE THE PICTURE! NOT A BAD MODEL, AM I?

OH, RIP! WHAT CAN I SAY?

Fine Watches

SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME, DARLING... AND PACK UP FOR THE BIG TOWN! WE'RE GOING TO BE PARTNERS IN THE MASON PHOTOGRAPHY AGENCY FOR LIFE!

OH, YES! DARLING, *YES!!*

The End

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ATLAS

HOW MINI-GYM TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!
OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOS! SOS! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SAMUELS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP DOROTHY, BUT THIS MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
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WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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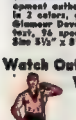

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"But I've never been burned," he said. "You've seen to that, Jackie."

"My reasons haven't been entirely unselfish," I said. "You know that, Peter."

"Yes, I know, Jackie, but . . ."

"But *what*, Peter?" I forced.

"You're only eighteen and, besides, you still have a couple of years of school." He wasn't looking at me when he said it.

There were no words I could use to make him understand that I wasn't a child any longer. That I wasn't just the little girl next door.

"I'm leaving for the swimming party," he said.

"So long, then. Have a good time."

He pulled me to him for a wonderful brief moment, kissed my forehead, and left the room.

I didn't see much of Peter or Rayetta after that first afternoon. They both seemed to be having a marvelous time while I spent a rather quiet time helping Mrs. Hillson.

The afternoon of the party, Peter wandered into the kitchen looking for his mother.

"Is it something about the party tonight?" I asked. "Your mother left the arrangements to me."

"Yes, it is," he said rather curtly. "There'll be an extra guest there, a friend of Rayetta."

"Her producer," I offered devilishly.

"You needn't be insulting, Miss Manning, and I would appreciate it if you would attempt to be a little more civil to Rayetta tonight. You haven't been nice at all."

"I've been trying hard not to be, Peter."

He walked out the door, leaving me with my string beans.

The party was a success for everyone, except Peter and me. Rayetta's friend saw to it that she was occupied all evening, and Rayetta seemed to enjoy it tremendously. Neither of them seemed at all aware of Peter's presence but he continued to hang on. I chose to retreat to the patio.

I was watching the sky when Peter came out. He looked very young and very handsome. He seemed relieved of a heavy burden. "Hello," he said.

I was so happy to have him young again. It had been such

a long while. "Hello, Peter. It's nice to see you."

"Yes," he said, "it is nice, but I won't be seeing you very much longer, I'm afraid."

I felt a chill and looked up at him slowly. "You've decided," I began, "that you'll go on to Hollywood?"

"Hollywood," he said, "is for those without a home, without a friend. I meant that you'll be going to Switzerland in a couple of weeks to finish your studies, and I'll be back to work tomorrow morning at the theatre."

"What about Rayetta?" I asked.

"I've been saved again. Rayetta's leaving with her producer." He walked to the railing. "I'll be coming to Europe in November. Do you think you'll be allowed to have dinner with me?"

"Yes, Peter. Of course I'll be allowed."

"That would be wonderful, Jackie, and we could talk for hours and hours."

"Will I see you in the morning, Peter?"

"No. You see, I'm leaving right away. So I guess this is goodnight and . . . au revoir."

I was lonely for a moment again.

"Yes, Peter, it is goodnight. But before you go, there's something I wanted to tell you. Something I must tell you."

"No, Jackie, not yet. Maybe in November, but not now."

Then he left and I sat down and began to cry.

A few moments later I heard a car backing up. The driver was furiously honking his horn.

It was Peter.

"Go pack your things right away," he shouted, "and I'll drive you to the station! There's something that *I* want to tell *you*. Something that I discovered just now that I should have known long ago."

"What?" I sobbed.

"That I love you, Jacqueline Manning."

"That was going to be my line, Peter darling. Now hold on and I'll be right down before you change your mind."

I grabbed my jacket, raced down the stairs—and into Peter's strong arms at last. It might have been my last weekend at Twin Oaks, but it certainly was the first weekend for Peter and for me.

THE END

IT WAS ONLY A REHEARSAL...PART OF A COLLEGE DRAMATICS PROGRAM! I WAS IN THE ARMS OF MY INSTRUCTOR AND HIS KISSES WERE WARM ON MY LIPS! HE WAS THE MAN I REALLY LOVED, BUT WERE HIS KISSES FOR REAL OR MAKE-BELIEVE? I DIDN'T FIND OUT UNTIL I RECEIVED MY...

GRADUATION PRESENT!

I FELT AN EXHILARATING THRILL OF EXPECTATION AS I DROVE ALONG! I WAS RETURNING TO MY LAST SEMESTER AT DONMOOR UNIVERSITY...

NO REGRETS...JUST HAPPINESS! OF COURSE, I'LL BE A LITTLE SAD AT LEAVING DONMOOR AND FOUR PLEASANT YEARS BEHIND... BUT IT CAN'T LAST FOREVER!

I SAW HIM STANDING AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND CAUGHT A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF A HANDSOME FACE AND A PLEADING, UPRAISED THUMB..

MMM... KIND OF HANDSOME IN A RUGGED WAY!

I BACKED UP AND HE HOPPED IN, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY I FOUND MYSELF LIKING HIS GENTLE MANNER...

I'M ONLY GOING AS FAR AS DONMOOR! WILL THAT HELP?

IT WOULD NOT ONLY HELP.. IT WILL DELIVER ME ON THE DOORSTEP! DONMOOR IS WHERE I'M HEADING!

I'M IN MY FOURTH YEAR AT DONMOOR! I DON'T RECALL EVER SEEING YOU THERE BEFORE!

IT WILL BE MY FIRST HITCH THERE! IT'S TOO BAD YOU'LL BE LEAVING JUST WHEN I..THAT IS, I MEAN..WELL, IT'S TOO BAD!

WE REACHED SCHOOL MUCH TOO SOON! I GOT THE IMPRESSION HE WANTED TO LINGER AND CHAT, AND SO DID I.. BUT HE WAS SAYING GOOD-BYE..

I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE LIFT! PERHAPS WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER!

HE WAS GONE...LOST IN THE CROWD OF STUDENTS MILLING AROUND IN FRONT OF IVY HALL! HE DIDN'T KNOW MY NAME, AND I DIDN'T KNOW HIS...

ANY OTHER NEW SENIOR WOULD HAVE MADE A BEACHHEAD AND NAILED A DATE...OR TRIED TO.. BUT NOT HIM! SOMEHOW HE'S OLDER, MORE MATURE!

THE USUAL FLURRY OF PROGRAM SELECTION KEPT ME BUSY FOR THE FIRST WEEK AND I HAD LITTLE TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

I CAN FILL IN A HALF CREDIT WITH GREEK MYTHOLOGY!

I'LL TAKE MINE IN HISTORY OF MODERN DRAMA! IT'S A NEW COURSE...JUST ADDED!

IT WAS AN AN EASY CHOICE TO MAKE, AND I ACTUALLY LOOKED FORWARD TO MY FIRST CLASS...

HI, AMY! THE GANG'S GOING TO MEET AT TONY'S TONIGHT! HOW ABOUT TEAMING UP? YOU TOO, SHELLY!

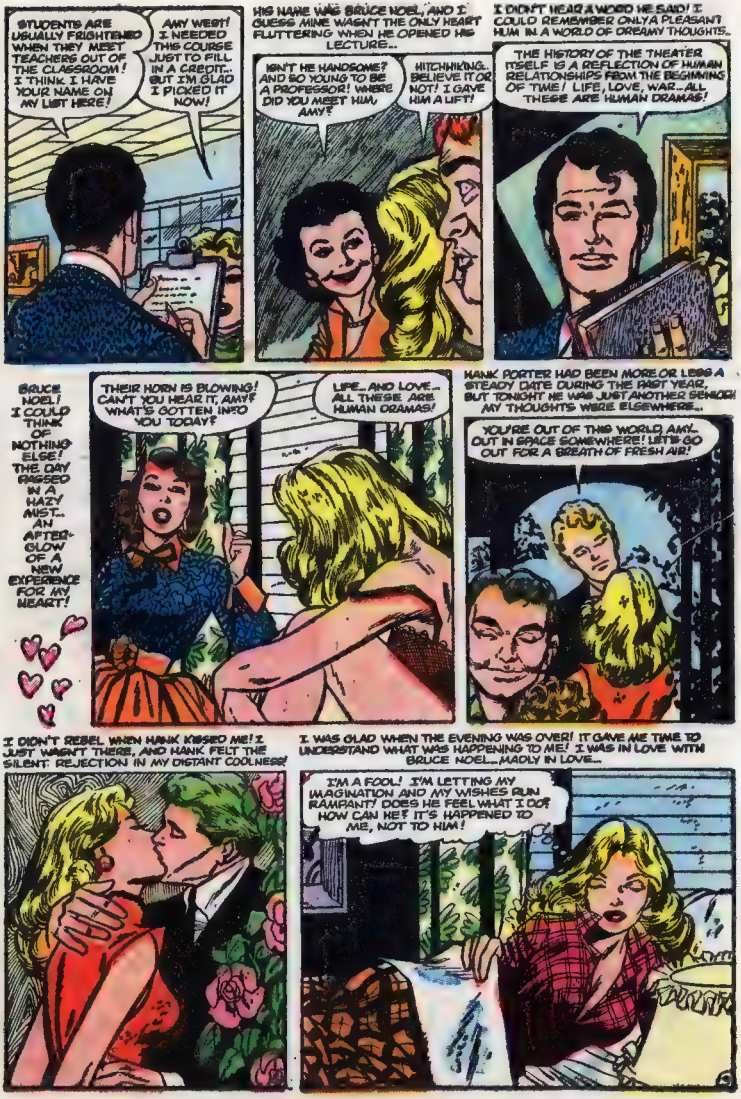
HI, HANK! IT'LL BE ROGER FOR ME IF I DON'T DRAW ANY STUDY ASSIGNMENTS!

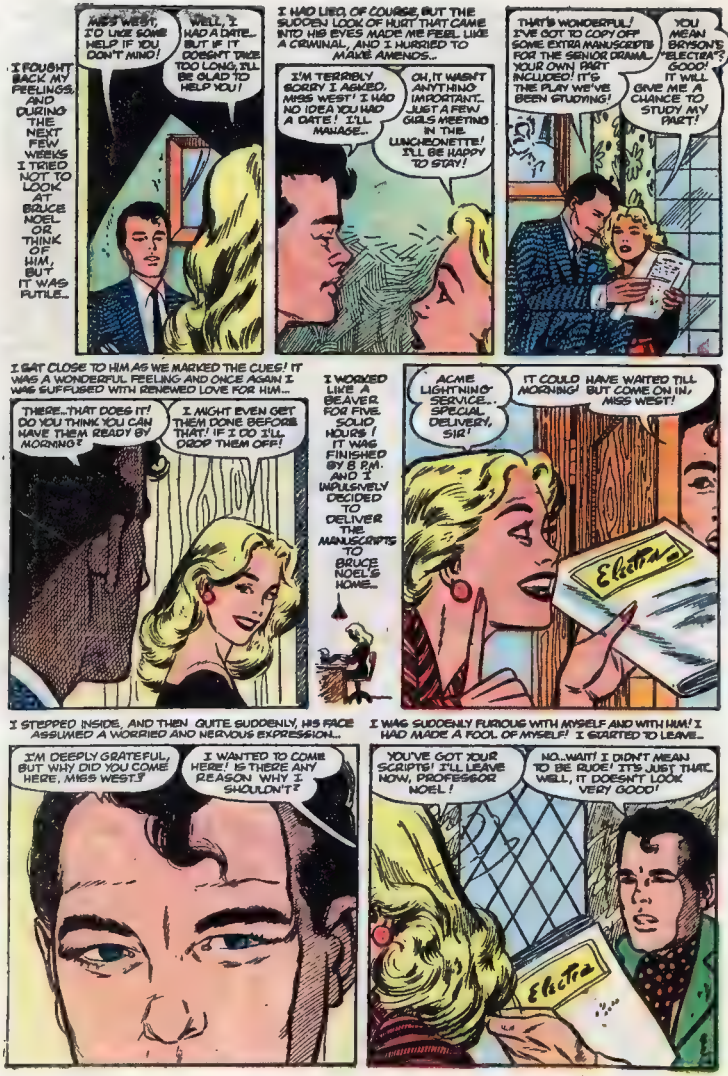
COUNT ME IN!

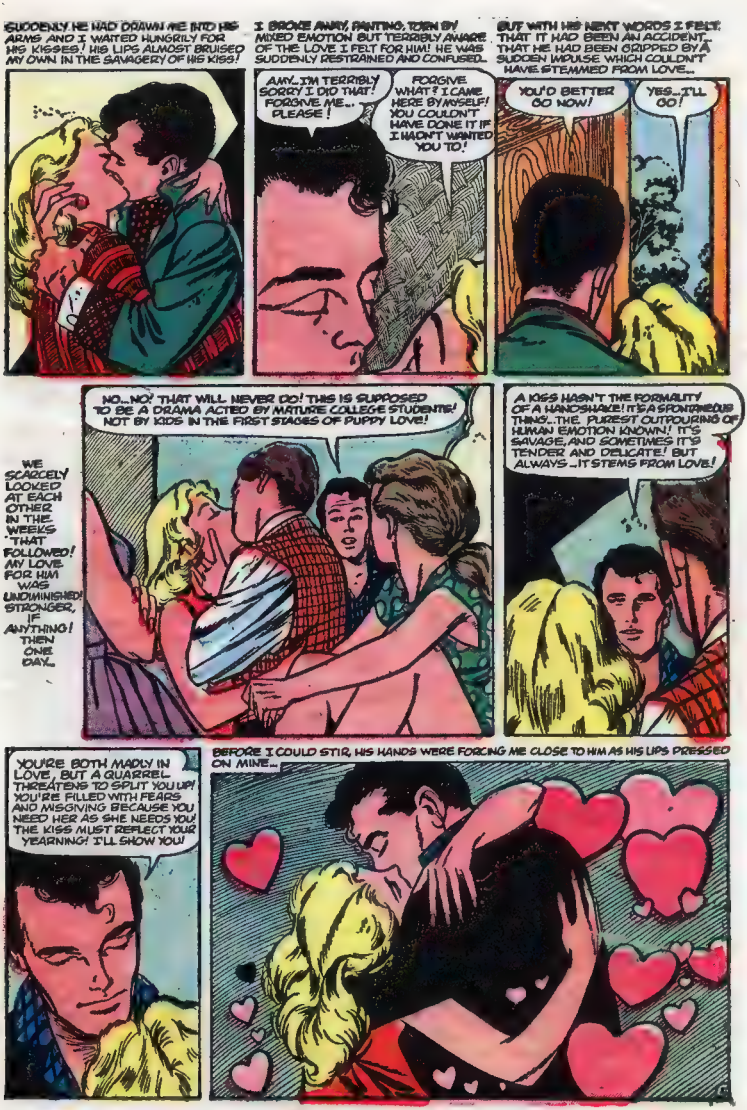
BUT WHEN I WALKED INTO THE DRAMA CLASS, I WASN'T SO SURE ABOUT MY DATE WITH HANK! I WAS TOO SURPRISED TO BE SURE OF ANYTHING..

WELL...HELLO! I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN SO SOON!...ARE YOU..

YES...I'M ENROLLED IN THIS CLASS! YOU DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE COMING TO DONMOOR TO TEACH!


STUDENTS ARE USUALLY FRIGHTENED WHEN THEY MEET TEACHERS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM! I THINK I HAVE YOUR NAME ON MY LIST HERE!
AMY WEST! I NEEDED THIS COURSE JUST TO FILL IN A CREDIT... BUT I'M GLAD I PICKED IT NOW!
HIS NAME WAS BRUCE NOEL, AND I GUESS MINE WASN'T THE ONLY HEART FLUTTERING WHEN HE OPENED HIS LECTURE...
I DIDN'T HEAR A WORD HE SAID! I COULD REMEMBER ONLY A PLEASANT HUM IN A WORLD OF DREAMY THOUGHTS...
ISN'T HE HANDSOME? AND SO YOUNG TO BE A PROFESSOR! WHERE DID YOU MEET HIM, AMY?
HITCHHIKING... BELIEVE IT OR NOT! I GAVE HIM A LIFT!
THE HISTORY OF THE THEATER ITSELF IS A REFLECTION OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME! LIFE, LOVE, WAR... ALL THESE ARE HUMAN DRAMAS!
BRUCE NOEL! I COULD THINK OF NOTHING ELSE! THE DAY PASSED IN A HAZY MIST... AN AFTER-GLOW OF A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR MY HEART!
THEIR HORN IS BLOWING! CAN'T YOU HEAR IT, AMY? WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU TODAY?
LIFE... AND LOVE... ALL THESE ARE HUMAN DRAMAS!
HANK PORTER HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS A STEADY DATE DURING THE PAST YEAR, BUT TONIGHT HE WAS JUST ANOTHER BEHOLDER! MY THOUGHTS WERE ELSEWHERE...
YOU'RE OUT OF THIS WORLD, AMY... OUT IN SPACE SOMEWHERE! LET'S GO OUT FOR A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!
I DIDN'T REBEL WHEN HANK KISSED ME! I JUST WASN'T THERE, AND HANK FELT THE SILENT REJECTION IN MY DISTANT COOLNESS!
I WAS GLAD WHEN THE EVENING WAS OVER! IT GAVE ME TIME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME! I WAS IN LOVE WITH BRUCE NOEL... MADLY IN LOVE...
I'M A FOOL! I'M LETTING MY IMAGINATION AND MY WISHES RUN RAMPANT! DOES HE FEEL WHAT I DO? HOW CAN HE? IT'S HAPPENED TO ME, NOT TO HIM!


I FOUGHT BACK MY FEELINGS, AND DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS I TRIED NOT TO LOOK AT BRUCE NOEL OR THINK OF HIM, BUT IT WAS FUTILE...
MISS WEST, I'D LIKE SOME HELP IF YOU DON'T MIND!
WELL, I HAD A DATE... BUT IF IT DOESN'T TAKE TOO LONG, I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!
I HAD LIED, OF COURSE, BUT THE SUDDEN LOOK OF HURT THAT CAME INTO HIS EYES MADE ME FEEL LIKE A CRIMINAL, AND I HURRIED TO MAKE AMENDS...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I ASKED, MISS WEST! I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD A DATE! I'LL MANAGE...
OH, IT WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT... JUST A FEW GIRLS MEETING IN THE LUNCHONETTE! I'LL BE HAPPY TO STAY!
THAT'S WONDERFUL! I'VE GOT TO COPY OFF SOME EXTRA MANUSCRIPTS FOR THE SENIOR DRAMA... YOUR OWN PART INCLUDED! IT'S THE PLAY WE'VE BEEN STUDYING!
YOU MEAN, BRYSON'S "ELECTRA"? GOOD! IT WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO STUDY MY PART!
I SAT CLOSE TO HIM AS WE MARKED THE CUES! IT WAS A WONDERFUL FEELING AND ONCE AGAIN I WAS SUFFUSED WITH RENEWED LOVE FOR HIM...
THERE... THAT DOES IT! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HAVE THEM READY BY MORNING?
I MIGHT EVEN GET THEM DONE BEFORE THAT! IF I DO I'LL DROP THEM OFF!
I WORKED LIKE A BEAVER FOR FIVE SOLID HOURS! IT WAS FINISHED BY 8 P.M. AND I IMPULSIVELY DECIDED TO DELIVER THE MANUSCRIPTS TO BRUCE NOEL'S HOME...
ACME LIGHTNING SERVICE... SPECIAL DELIVERY, SIR!
IT COULD HAVE WAITED TILL MORNING! BUT COME ON IN, MISS WEST!
Electra
I STEPPED INSIDE, AND THEN QUITE SUDDENLY, HIS FACE ASSUMED A WORRIED AND NERVOUS EXPRESSION...
I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL, BUT WHY DID YOU COME HERE, MISS WEST?
I WANTED TO COME HERE! IS THERE ANY REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T?
I WAS SUDDENLY FURIOUS WITH MYSELF AND WITH HIM! I HAD MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF! I STARTED TO LEAVE...
YOU'VE GOT YOUR SCRIPTS! I'LL LEAVE NOW, PROFESSOR NOEL!
NO...WAIT! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE RUDE! IT'S JUST THAT WELL, IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY GOOD!
Electra


SUDDENLY HE HAD DRAWN ME INTO HIS ARMS AND I WAITED HUNGRILY FOR HIS KISSES! HIS LIPS ALMOST BRUISED MY OWN IN THE SAVAGERY OF HIS KISS!
I BROKE AWAY, PANTING, TORN BY MIXED EMOTION BUT TERRIBLY AWARE OF THE LOVE I FELT FOR HIM! HE WAS SUDDENLY RESTRAINED AND CONFUSED..
AMY..I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I DID THAT! FORGIVE ME... PLEASE!
FORGIVE WHAT? I CAME HERE BY MYSELF! YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF I HADN'T WANTED YOU TO!
BUT WITH HIS NEXT WORDS I FELT THAT IT HAD BEEN AN ACCIDENT, THAT HE HAD BEEN GRIPPED BY A SUDDEN IMPULSE WHICH COULDN'T HAVE STEMMED FROM LOVE...
YOU'D BETTER GO NOW!
YES..I'LL GO!
WE SCARCELY LOOKED AT EACH OTHER IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED! MY LOVE FOR HIM WAS UNDIMINISHED! STRONGER, IF ANYTHING! THEN ONE DAY..
NO...NO! THAT WILL NEVER DO! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DRAMA ACTED BY MATURE COLLEGE STUDENTS! NOT BY KIDS IN THE FIRST STAGES OF PUPPY LOVE!
A KISS HASN'T THE FORMALITY OF A HANDSHAKE! IT'S A SPONTANEOUS THING...THE PUREST OUTPOURING OF HUMAN EMOTION KNOWN! IT'S SAVAGE, AND SOMETIMES IT'S TENDER AND DELICATE! BUT ALWAYS...IT STEMS FROM LOVE!
YOU'RE BOTH MADLY IN LOVE, BUT A QUARREL THREATENS TO SPLIT YOU UP! YOU'RE FILLED WITH FEARS AND MISGIVING BECAUSE YOU NEED HER AS SHE NEEDS YOU! THE KISS MUST REFLECT YOUR YEARNING! I'LL SHOW YOU!
BEFORE I COULD STIR, HIS HANDS WERE FORCING ME CLOSE TO HIM AS HIS LIPS PRESSED ON MINE...

THE OTHERS COULD HARDLY KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED! I, MYSELF, WASN'T QUITE SURE! I ONLY WANTED DESPERATELY TO KNOW... WAS IT REAL OR MAKE-BELIEVE?

PICK UP THE REHEARSAL FROM THERE! I'LL BE BACK LATER!

THE REST OF THE SEMESTER PASSED IN DOUBT AND BITTERNESS! IT WAS APPARENT NOW THAT I WAS TREADING A ONE-WAY STREET, AND GRADUATION WAS APPROACHING...

BUT WHY ARE YOU LEAVING SO SOON, AMY? YOU'LL MISS THE GRADUATION BALL AND A DOZEN WONDERFUL PARTIES!

LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT, SHELLY! AS SOON AS I GET MY DIPLOMA I WANT TO SHAKE THE DUST OF DONNOCK FROM MY SHOES! I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE IT OR HEAR ABOUT IT AGAIN!

I REMEMBER THE SEA OF VACANT FACES! I REMEMBER SEARCHING FOR BRUCE'S FACE AND NOT SEEING IT! I RECEIVED MY PARCHMENT AND RUSHED AWAY...

AMY! WAIT A MINUTE! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

OH...IT'S YOU! I'D PREFER TO BE LEFT ALONE, PROFESSOR NOEL! I'M NO LONGER A STUDENT, YOU KNOW!

HAVEN'T YOU TORTURED ME ENOUGH?

LISTEN TO ME, DARLING! I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I THINK NOW... I COULDN'T BEFORE! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S BEEN TORTURE FOR ME TOO? CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

WOULD YOU REALLY HAVE EXPECTED ME TO CARRY ON AN OPEN FLIRTATION IN SCHOOL? I COULDN'T, AMY... I COULDN'T JEOPARDIZE MY POSITION OR YOUR GRADUATION!

HIS WORDS BEGAN TO MAKE SENSE, AND I FELT ASHAMED OF MY LACK OF UNDERSTANDING! THERE COULDN'T BE ANY DOUBT NOW ABOUT THE PAST OR THE FUTURE...

AMY, I LOVED YOU FROM THE MOMENT YOU STOPPED FOR ME ON THE ROAD! THIS RING...IT'S TO PROVE MY LOVE, DARLING! PLEASE TAKE IT!

OH, BRUCE... I'M SO HAPPY, I COULD ALMOST CRY!

BRUCE'S ENGAGEMENT RING WAS ON MY FINGER AND OUR LIPS WERE PRESSED TOGETHER! NOTHING IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE THRILLED ME MORE THAN THAT GRADUATION PRESENT!

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